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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the attached replacement drawing sheets.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.